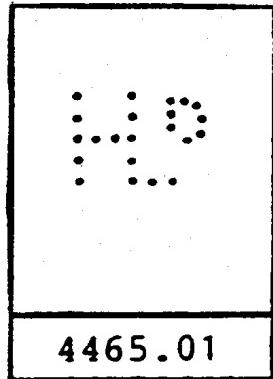


QUERIES

PERFIN HLD (Joined) H4465.01 from Dave Hill.

I purchased a picture postcard in a local antique shop on which was an early KEVII stamp with perfins HLD. I usually avoid such illegally used perfins but I saw this one was used locally, postmarked in HAYLE and sent by a 'Peter' to a lady friend in St. Austell.



I wonder if the perfins could have come from Harveys Ltd, engine builders, shipwrights and merchants as they were almost the only business in Hayle. Have other members this perfins with this postmark?

In 1799 John Harvey moved his forge to Hayle and set up the first foundry in Cornwall serving the Cornish tin mines. A daughter married Richard Trevethick who was to greatly improve Boulton and Watt steam engine. The impetus for this came not from the coal mines where fuel was plentiful but from the Cornish tin mines where coal had to be imported, often by pack animal.

In this century work dropped off until the firm became humble builders merchants. In the 1980's the large works were demolished to leave much of Hayle derelict. Now they are talking of 'regeneration'!